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LETTER REGARDING UPDATING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE REVISED
HAZARD RANKING SYSTEM NCBC GULFPORT MS
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RE: Updating Preliminary Assessments for the Revised
Hazard Ranking System

Dear Sir:

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket to provide information on the status and compliance of federal facilities that may have releases of hazardous substances. Section 120 specifically addresses federal agency compliance with requirements on response actions, site evaluations, and hazard ranking procedures for facilities on the Docket. Your facility is on the Docket.


EPA Region IV is currently contacting each federal facility on the Docket but not on the National Priorities List (NPL) to request updated information required by the revised Hazard Ranking System (HRS2) of the National Contingency Plan (NCP), which became effective March 14, 1991. Our records indicate that a Preliminary Assessment (PA) report or its equivalent was submitted previously for your facility and that it was determined that no further action was needed at that time. We are writing to request updated information on any releases of hazardous substances that may have occurred or been discovered since that time.

We are enclosing the basic guidelines for a Preliminary Assessment. If the EPA determines from the updated PA information that a release has occurred or there is a potential for release, we may require further investigation later in the form of a Site Inspection (SI). We are also enclosing guidelines on the requirements of HRS2, generally to be utilized following an SI; however, we are not requesting that level of investigation at this time. Both PA and SI are defined in the NCP (40 CFR 300).

We are requesting submittal of the updated PA information within 60 days of receipt of this letter. If that is not feasible, we request submittal of a timetable for compliance within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have questions regarding the updating of PA information, please contact Mr. J. C. Meredith of this office at (404) 347-3016.

Sincerely yours,


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